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LOK SABHA

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TASK FORCE ON FLOOD AND SOIL EROSION CONTROL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted a task force to suggest ways and means to check floods and soil erosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the work done by the task force so far and the main points of the report submitted so far in this regard; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Due to severe floods in July, 2004 in the States of Assam and Bihar, the Government of India constituted in August, 2004, a Task Force for Flood Management and Erosion Control headed by the Chairman, Central Water Commission to look into the problem of recurring floods in Assam and its neighboring States as well as Bihar, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh.The Task Force submitted its report on 31st December,2004.

(c) & (d) In its report, the Task Force recommended various short term and long term measures for control of flood and erosion amounting to Rs.4982 Cr to be completed by the end of XI Plan. The works of about Rs.500 Cr were approved in X Plan and for balance works, a scheme namely, `Flood Management Programme` with an estimated cost of Rs.8000 Cr has been approved to provide central assistance to State Governments during XI Plan period.